

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** premature birth is a serious and growing problem, affecting one in every 8 mothers and their babies in the United States; and

**WHEREAS,** premature birth is the leading cause of newborn death in America; and

**WHEREAS,** premature babies can suffer lifelong consequences, such as chronic health problems or developmental disabilities, putting a strain on families and society; and

**WHEREAS,** Premature Birth Awareness Day provides an opportunity to work together to learn more about the causes and prevention of premature birth.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 18, 2003, as

### PREMATURE BIRTH AWARENESS DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the importance of research into the causes and prevention of premature birth.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford".

**MARK SANFORD**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**